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SUBJ: CONCLUSION OF WGSTT

REF: A) MVD 375, B) MVD 359

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED THE SUSPENSION OF THE WGSTT WITH DR. JORGE ALVAREZ, WHO CONFIRMED (REFTEL A) THAT THERE HAD BEEN GENERAL AGREEMENT TO SUSPEND THE LA CAUCUS SESSIONS AT THE MEETING OF FEB 3. HE SAID THAT THESE SESSIONS HAD PROVED USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING POSITIONS, AND HE THOUGHT THAT THE SMALLER COUNTRIES, PLUS COLOMBIA AND BOLIVIA, WERE STILL INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A S&TT COORDINATING MECHANISM, PERHAPS ON AN INTERIM BASIS. THE IDEA BEING DISCUSSED WOULD INCLUDE BOTH SUB-REGIONAL AND BILATERAL ACTIVITIES. BUT ALVAREZ THOUGHT IT WOULD REQUIRE THE PARTICIPATION OF THE US IF IT WERE EVER TO HAVE REAL MEANING. HE NOTED THAT GUATEMALA HAD TAKEN A LEADING POSITION IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING CONTACTS ON S&TT AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE LA CAUCUS SESSIONS.

2. ALVAREZ FOUND THE POSITION OF BRAZIL PARTICULARLY INTERESTING.

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HE SAID THEY HAD EXPRESSED SOME QUALIFIED INTEREST IN JOINING

WITH THE SMALLER STAES AND SUGGESTED THAT THISMIGHT BE BECAUSE THEY SAW A LEADERSHIP ROLE FOR THEMSELVES. ALVAREZ RECOGNIZED THAT BRAZIL'S INTEREST SEEMS TO REPRESENT A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS POSITIONS.

3. IN REGARD TO THE GOU FORNOFF COMMUNIQUE (REFTEL B), ALVAREZ POINTED OUT ITS MODERATE TONE, AND ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PHRASE RELATING TO CONTINUING THE LA CAUCUS FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING IDEAS HAD BEEN EVELOPED TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF THE CAUCUS ADOPTING A RESOLUTION CRITICIZING THE US FOR ITS ABSENCE. IN HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS (SEE SEP TEL, DR. ALVAREZ SAID HE HAD ALSO TAKEN A CONCILIATORY LINE BECUASE IT WAS NECESSARY TOCONSIDER THE FUTURE RATHER THAN THE PAST AND TO BUILD ON WHAT HAD ALREADY BEEN ACHIEVED.

4. ALVAREZ PROMISED TO PREPARE A CONFIDENTIAL REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE LA CAUCUS SESSIONSAND EMBOFF OFFERED TO SEND IT DIRECTLY TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER. ALVAREZ IS CONVINCED THAT THERE IS STILL APOSSIBILITY OF A USEFUL OUTCOME IN S&TT. TO BRING THIS ABOUT, HE BELIVES THAT SOME NDICATION BY THE USG THAT IT IS STILL INTERESTED IS URGENTLY REQUIRED IF MOMENTUM IS NOT TO BE ENTIRELY LOST.
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